

### Senate

File No. 491

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 470

Senate, April 14, 2022

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-50d of the 2022 supplement to
- 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 4 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor
- 5 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number [,] or Social
- 6 Security number [and any other unique identifier used for the purpose
- 7 of generating] on a voter registration record [, or added to such record
- 8 for compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act,
- 9 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time,] shall be confidential and
- shall not be disclosed to any person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

State Impact: None

**Municipal Impact:** None

Explanation

This bill, which removes a person's voter registration number and any other federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)-required identifiers from the list of protected information, has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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**Municipal Impact:** None

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## OLR Bill Analysis sSB 470

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#### SUMMARY

Under current law, a person's driver's license, identity card, and Social Security numbers, and other unique identifiers (e.g., voter registration numbers) on a voter registration record, are confidential and prohibited from disclosure. Additionally, any unique identifier added to a record to comply with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) is protected. Under HAVA, registered voters must be assigned a numerical identifier for database identification (52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A)).

This bill removes a person's voter registration number and any other HAVA-required identifiers from the list of protected information. In practice, these identifiers are used to connect all parts of the voter's information in a voter registration database, such as a name, address, and party affiliation. Independent of the identifiers used in the database, they provide no identifying information about a voter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/29/2022)